PRESENT—*cont.*

Smith, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. E. Conran.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Stanes, Mr. F. J.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Rao Bahadur V. N.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur, The
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Education

Appointment of a lecturer for the Law College, Madras.

* 20 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a lecturer has been chosen for the Law College, Madras;

(*b*) how many candidates applied for the post; and

(*c*) whether Christians and depressed classes applied for the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information as applications for the post were made to the Madras Services Commission.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" May I know if it is difficult for the Government to get this information and supply it to this House? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The agency for inviting applications and dealing with them is the Madras Services Commission and the Government have nothing to do with these applications at all."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" When this House wants to have the information, are not the Government prepared to supply it to the House? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Government do not think any very useful purpose will be served by asking for this information regarding the applications."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know if the appointment is not made by the Government? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, on the recommendation of the Madras Services Commission."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" Did the Commission recommend only one name? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Two names were sent up."

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Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I ask what the number of applications received by the Commission is? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The Government have no information."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I ask whether it is the policy of the Government to make these appointments merely on communal considerations irrespective of the qualifications of the candidates? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The appointments are made having regard to the qualifications of the candidates and communal considerations, whenever prescribed."

Grants to Mappilla Elementary schools in the taluks of Chirakkal and Kottayam.

* 21 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be please to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the amount of grant given to the Mappilla elementary schools in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks of Malabar district is only about 50 per cent of the amount recommended by the Deputy Inspectors concerned;

(*b*) if so, what the reasons are for such reduction; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the amounts of grant given to Mappilla elementary schools in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks, respectively, during each of the last five years?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information; the distribution of grants rests with the District Educational Council.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that the reduction of these grants has seriously affected the education of backward communities? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I would suggest to the hon. Member that he must first address the District Educational Council of his district, as that is the body which deals with this matter."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—" Is it not the duty of the Government to draw the attention of the Educational Council that the grants should be distributed on some equitable considerations? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The Educational Councils will resent any such general direction as that. We have got rules and they have to distribute the grant according to the rules and they need not be told that they must be equitable in its distribution."